

Encroachments in Delhi

238. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi, the Capital region of the country is turning into a huge dustbin day by day and its roads and footpaths are being used commercially after fearlessly encroaching the same; and

(b) if so, region-wise, road-wise and footpath-wise comprehensive details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Public Works Department, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the New Delhi Municipal Council and the Delhi Cantonment Board, which are maintaining the roads in Delhi, have informed that no permanent encroachment exist on roads/footpaths in their jurisdiction. However, temporary encroachments on roads and footpaths, as and when found to occur, are removed promptly.

Creation of infrastructure for the Commonwealth Games

239. SHRI C. PERUMAL:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with funds earmarked for creating the necessary infrastructure and facilities for conducting the games;

(c) whether a system has been put in place for selecting the best athletes/sportsperson to represent the country purely on merit basis and imparting rigorous training to them so that India's ranking in the sports field goes up in comparison to the country's performance during the previous Olympics and other International games; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.